

REMARKS

Before entry of this Amendment and Response, the status of the application according to the pending Office action is as follows:

- Claims 1, 3-7, 11-14, 16-17, 21-24, 27-30, 32, and 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 3,845,831 to James (“James”).
- Claims 1, 3-7, 11-14, 16-17, 21-24, 27-31, and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 2,664,962 to Faszczuk (“Faszczuk”).
- Claims 8, 18, and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over James in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,094,311 to Akeel (“Akeel”).
- Claims 15, 25, 34-35, 39-43, 45-49, and 51 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Faszczuk.
- Claims 15, 25, 34-35, 39-43, 45-48, 50 and 52 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over James.
- Claims 2, 9-10, 19-20, 26, 37-38, and 44 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the suggestion in the Office action to rewrite claims 9, 19, and 37 in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has incorporated the suggestion as detailed below.

Claim 1 is hereby amended to incorporate language from original claim 9 and intervening claim 8. No new matter has been added thereby. In view of the objection to claim 9, amended claim 1 is now in condition for allowance. Because claims 2-7 and 10-16 depend, either directly

or indirectly, from claim 1, and include all the respective limitations thereof, Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are patentable as well.

Claim 17 is hereby amended to incorporate language from original claim 19 and intervening claim 18. No new matter has been added thereby. In view of the objection to claim 19, amended claim 17 is now in condition for allowance. Because claims 20-34 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 17, and include all the respective limitations thereof, Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are patentable as well.

Claim 35 is hereby amended to incorporate language from original claim 37 and intervening claim 36. No new matter has been added thereby. In view of the objection to claim 37, amended claim 35 is now in condition for allowance. Because claims 38-52 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 35, and include all the respective limitations thereof, Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are patentable as well.

Claim 10 is hereby amended to change its dependency to amended claim 1. Claims 20 and 26 are hereby amended to change their dependency to claim 17. Claims 38 and 44 are hereby amended to change their dependency to claim 35.

Claims 8-9, 18-19, and 36-37 are hereby cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 1-7, 10-17, 20-35, and 38-52 are currently pending. In view of above amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that all grounds of rejection are rendered moot, and respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and objections of all pending claims, and passage of claims 1-7, 10-17, 20-35, and 38-52 to allowance.

Other prior art was made of record but not relied upon in the in the Office action. Applicant has reviewed the references cited in the Office action and asserts that, at a minimum, none of the references either alone or in combination, teach or suggest a wall climbing robot that

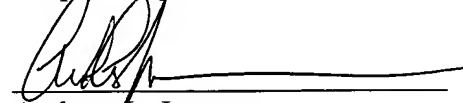
comprises, at least, a “foot comprising means for adhering to a surface, the means for adhering comprising a pressure sensitive adhesive.”

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration, withdrawal of all grounds of rejection and objection and allowance of claims 1-7, 10-17, 20-35, and 38-52 in due course. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant’s undersigned representative by telephone at the number listed below to discuss any outstanding issues.

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